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#### SALUTE TO BRIANA SCURRY AND THE U.S. WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SOCCER TEAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise proudly this evening to salute a constituent who is one of our Nation's newest sports heroes, Briana Scurry from Dayton, Minnesota. I also want to pay tribute to all the other members of our champion United States Women's World Cup Soccer Team who have made all Americans proud.

In the championship game Saturday, Mr. Speaker, in Pasadena, California, before more than 90,000 screaming fans, two great teams, one from the United States and the team from China, played to a scoreless tie in regulation time; then, two 15-minute sudden death overtimes, and still a dramatic, nail-biting 0-0 tie; a shootout and finally a world championship for our women's team, thanks to a diving save by our great world-class goalie, Briana Scurry.

Mr. Speaker, it was Briana Scurry, the Dayton, Minnesota, native who soared to deflect China's third penalty shot setting up the final victory. All of Minnesota celebrated with our Nation's sports fans as Briana ran to the stands following the game, slapping hands with the fans, the huge crowd as they chanted again and again, "Scurry! Scurry! Scurry!"

Mr. Speaker, Briana Scurry has been the number one United States goalie for 6 years. They call her "The Rock," they call her "The Wall," and she is both, as she showed the world Saturday night. Today, we call Briana and her marvellous teammates World Cup soccer champions.

Briana Scurry, Mr. Speaker, is also a great role model for other young women in sports. She is a great leader both on and off the soccer field. Briana excelled in her political science studies in college at the University of Massachusetts and she also gave a great deal back to her community, working as a volunteer for AIDS education and awareness and also for the Make A Wish Foundation.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, America's team was in good hands in this World Cup. There is little to worry about when Briana is in the net. She gave up only three goals in the entire World Cup championships and one of those, by the way, was kicked into our net by one of our own players. Briana shut out opponents four times in six games in the tournament, four shutouts in the six games comprising the World Cup championship.

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Briana Scurry's work ethic, her fierce competitiveness, her engaging personality, great dedication and amazing talent all have had a powerful impact on the young women of Minnesota. Hockey may be king in Minnesota, Mr. Speaker, but soccer is kicking at its heels thanks to Briana Scurry.

At Anoka High School, Briana led her team to the 1989 State championship, was named All-American and was voted the top female athlete in Minnesota her senior year.

At the University of Massachusetts, Briana was the top college goalkeeper in 1993 and won two national "goalie of the year" awards her senior year. She led her team to the NCAA Final Four as well as to Atlantic 10 titles. Briana had 37 shutouts in her 4 years and a career goals-against average, listen to this, soccer fans, career goals-against average of 0.56. What a tremendous record.

So today, Mr. Speaker, we salute Minnesota's own Briana Scurry and all her teammates on America's World Cup championship soccer team. They proved what teamwork, dedication, hard work and heart can accomplish.

Mr. Speaker, congratulations to our new World Cup champions. They are role models for all of us, and all Americans are proud of them.

#### CONDEMNING THE CULTURE OF HATE THAT FOSTERS VIOLENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, more than a week ago our Nation and my community in particular witnessed in horror the cruel and vicious consequences of the doctrine of hate. In a matter of days in the State of Illinois and Indiana a mad murderer full of rage and contempt for his fellow men took the lives of two innocent men and attempted to murder many more vic-

tims, including six Jewish men and two Asian students.

The spree of hate and violence began on Friday, July 2, just 2 days before we, citizens of this Nation of immigrants, celebrated Independence Day. It ended on July 5. I congratulate the efforts of law enforcement from the local level up to the FBI for so quickly identifying this individual, for its work with the community and for putting an end to his rampage. However, many questions still remain, including the role of white supremacist hate groups in fostering this attack.

In my district, where most of these attacks took place, my community breathed a sigh of relief when the killing spree came to an end. But we were left grieving for Ricky Byrdsong and his family; Woo-Joon Yoon, the Asian student from Bloomington, Indiana; and angry for the assault on Jewish men peacefully observing the Sabbath.

Ricky Byrdsong lived in Skokie, Illinois. He was a loving husband, a father, a leader in the community, a former basketball coach at Northwestern University, a man of deep religious faith and a constituent. He was murdered in cold blood. His only crime was the color of his skin. He was African American. Ricky Byrdsong was a proud American man who was living the American dream. He left an unmistakable and everlasting impression on all those who had the opportunity to meet him, and he positively touched the lives of countless youth during his lifetime.

He was committed to a cause. His cause was to help underprivileged youth reach their full potential and follow their dreams. He was working on his first book: *Coaching Your Kids in the Game of Life*. The book was scheduled to be released next year on Father's Day. At his funeral his pastor vowed that his book would be completed. Now his family will have to go on without him, his children will grow up without their father's guidance, his friends will no longer hear his infectious laugh, and the community, especially the children, has lost forever a leader.

I will never forget the look on the faces of the hundreds of people who attended his funeral last Wednesday. It was a look of disbelief, pain and yet inspiration because Ricky Byrdsong was truly inspiring. I never wish to attend another funeral of a victim of such hatred. Ricky Byrdsong has made our mission clearer than ever. The culture of hate has no place among us. We must educate and use the truth to counter the lies being spread by hatemongers, groups and so-called churches in our communities, schools, places of worship, neighborhoods and especially on the Internet to our youth.

As a society, we must not be intimidated by the few who refuse to live peacefully among us. We must stand firm and never ever be afraid. That is why I was so proud to join the Jewish